

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are pending in the application. Claims 1-6 have been amended to more clearly define Applicants' claimed invention.

No new matter has been introduced by these amendments. Reconsideration and allowance of the entire case is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

Claims 4-5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to point out and distinctly claim the subject matter applicants regards as the invention. More particularly, the Examiner states that the limitation "said constant voltage" in line 14 of Claim 4 lacks antecedent basis.

Applicants have amended "said constant voltage" to "a constant voltage". Accordingly, Applicants request withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of Claims 4-5.

Claim Objections

In accordance with the Examiner's suggestion, the word "capacitance" in Claims 1-6 has been replaced with the word "capacitor". Accordingly, Applicants request withdrawal of the claim objections.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Sato (U.S. Patent No. 5,235,253).

To anticipate a claim, a reference must disclose each and every element of the claim. *Lewmar Marine v. Barient Inc.*, 3 U.S.P.Q.2d 1766 (Fed. Cir. 1987).

Claim 1 is directed to an active matrix type electroluminescence display device comprising, *inter alia*, the following element: "a constant voltage is supplied from both ends of said capacitor lines".

Sato teaches that " power supply Va is coupled to one end of the EI element C_{EL} and one end of the capacitor Cs is connected to the ground level." (See Fig 2; and Col. 2, lines 4-6). As such, Sato only describes that the power supply Va is connected to one end of the EL element and that one end of the capacitor Cs is connected to the ground level. Sato fails to disclose that the power supply Va is connected to the capacitor Cs. In contrast to Sato, Applicants claim that one of a plurality of capacitor lines to which a constant voltage is

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applied is connected to a gate of a driver transistor which drives the EL element and another one of the capacitor lines is connected common to the display pixels. Since Sato at least fails to teach this claimed structure, Sato fails to teach at least one element of Applicants' independent Claim 1. Accordingly, independent Claim 1 is not anticipated and is therefore allowable.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the entire case is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this application be allowed and a Notice of Allowance issued. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicants' attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is cordially requested to telephone the undersigned.

In the event the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks deems additional fees to be due in connection with this application, Applicants' attorney hereby authorizes that such fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

Respectfully submitted,

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